

Estimated Number of Cases of Syphilis Among Adults

ACCORDING TO STATES

Alabama	39,200	Maine	13,000	Oklahoma	37,000
Arizona	4,300	Maryland	22,900	Oregon	14,000
Arkansas	29,200	Massachusetts	62,500	Pennsylvania	143,200
California	49,400	Michigan	51,300	Rhode Island	10,300
Colorado	16,200	Minnesota	38,300	South Carolina	27,300
Connecticut	20,900	Mississippi	32,800	South Dakota	11,700
Delaware	3,600	Missouri	57,300	Tennessee	38,400
District of Columbia	6,100	Montana	7,700	Texas	74,400
Florida	15,000	Nebraska	21,400	Utah	7,300
Georgia	48,000	Nevada	1,800	Vermont	6,100
Idaho	7,200	New Hampshire	7,400	Virginia	36,800
Illinois	103,400	New Jersey	49,500	Washington	25,800
Indiana	47,300	New Mexico	6,900	West Virginia	23,300
Iowa	37,300	New York	172,600	Wisconsin	42,000
Kansas	30,700	North Carolina	40,400	Wyoming	3,000
Kentucky	40,000	North Dakota	12,400		
Louisiana	30,700	Ohio	86,500		

In each State there are at least five times as many adults who have gonorrhea.

Wherever prostitution flourishes, men convey these diseases into the home with consequent infection of women and children. Each person infected with either syphilis or gonorrhea, is, at the beginning of the disease, a menace to other persons. Some persons remain in an infectious condition all their lives

Are Women and Children Safe in Your State?

Eight States have undertaken vigorous campaigns against the venereal menace. Is your State one of the eight?

Comparisons between the States should not be drawn, because, in the lack of exact figures, the estimates above are based on the assumption that the proportion of cases of syphilis to the adult population is the same in each state.

The above figures are based on the estimate of population of the United States, Bulletin 133 of the Bureau of the Census, p. 15. The adult population is estimated to be 56% of the total.

The estimate of the prevalence of syphilis is based on the conservative statement of Dr. W. A. Pusey, of the Surgeon General's Committee on Venereal Disease, to the effect that "more than 3% of the entire adult population are syphilitic" (exactly 3% is used here). See "Syphilis, a Modern Problem," by William A. Pusey, M.D., p. 106.